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The Fort Erie Optimist Club held its annual Halloween event on Sunday at the Optimist Hall. The event included a costume contest, a visit from Annie the Clown and plenty of children's activities. Seven-year-old Jack Shillier is pictured here bobbing for apples. For more Halloween photos see pages four and five.

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The Peace Bridge will be reduced to two lanes between Nov. 15, 2016 and May 15, 2017 for an ongoing \$100-million rehabilitation.

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## Peace Bridge down to two lanes for six months

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Postmedia Network

As long as U.S. and Canada customs have the necessary staff and a suitable number of inspection lanes open, any traffic impacts related to the temporary closure of one lane on the Peace Bridge can be mitigated, according to the agency that owns and operates the international border crossing.

The Peace Bridge will be reduced to two lanes for six months between Nov. 15 and May 15 for an ongoing \$100-million rehabilitation. The rehab work will include new sidewalks, railings and re-decking of the bridge. Most of the current deck dates back to when the bridge opened in 1927.

"So long as customs appropriately staffs and keeps inspection lanes open this winter, then we anticipate little to no traffic disruption," said Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority board chairman Sam Hoyt.

"But that commitment really needs to be made and maintained. That is why the authority is calling on all levels of government from both sides of the border to get involved and speak up about the importance of these traffic flow and staffing issues at the Peace Bridge."

The normal Peace Bridge

lane configuration is three lanes — two lanes east (U.S. bound) and one lane west (Canada bound).

A two-lane span such as the Peace Bridge, with a speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour, has a per-lane capacity of approximately 1,000 vehicles per hour, which is more than the number of cars anticipated from November through May, according to Jacobs Civil Consultants.

Hoyt said while the PBA is pleased a third-party traffic consultant has determined the closure plan will not impact the continued flow of cars and trucks on the bridge, it's all contingent upon "proper customs staffing and inspection lane availability."

"We've gotten strong indications from U.S. Customs and Border Protection that they can meet the staffing demand, as we need Canada Border Services Agency to follow suit."

This past summer, authority officials, as well as officials with the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission, which maintains the Rainbow, Whirlpool and Queenston-Lewiston bridges, called on the CBSA to lessen traffic backups that proved to be a frequent problem at Niagara bridges into Canada.

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### POPPY REPORT STATEMENT

October 2015-September 2016

The Royal Canadian Legion is a trustee, acting on behalf of the citizens who contribute to our Poppy Fund. It is therefore necessary to report the results of our last campaign and the manner in which funds are distributed.

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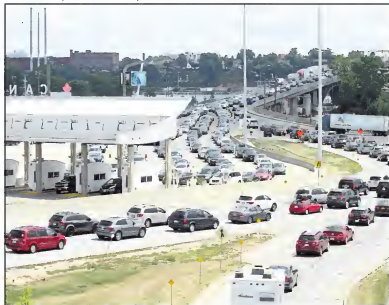
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Even though border crossings have decreased, drivers entering Canada are experiencing longer waits.

## All three lanes of the Peace Bridge will be open throughout the traditionally busy summer seasons

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PBA and bridge commission officials said despite a decrease in border traffic entering Canada, people experienced longer-than-normal wait times when crossing into Canada.

They said an insufficient number of lanes were opened at CBSA staff, and other related staffing issues.

PBA general manager Ron Rienas said unlike U.S. customs, CBSA has "not communicated anything with us."

"There's no similar commitment from CBSA compared to what we got at CBP," he said.

"CBP came out and said we will resource the bridge, authorize additional overtime, whatever is required to give the appropriate number of lanes to ensure that the bridge functions."

Rienas said PBA wanted an engineering study done on the temporary lane closure because people will often blame construction for delays.

"The answer is no. If the customs lanes are open during November and May, (when traffic) volumes are relatively low, we should be able to function perfectly fine," he said.

Rienas said this past summer

was "one of the most difficult" from a traffic perspective, "solely due to inadequate (CBSA) staffing of the booths."

He said CBSA has a performance standard of generally no longer than 30-minute waits on weekends (Friday to Sunday), and no longer than 10 minutes during weekdays (Monday to Thursday).

"Overall, between the hours of 8 a.m. and midnight, they did not meet that 20-minute standard 40 per cent of the time at the Peace Bridge, and ... at the Rainbow Bridge, they didn't meet that standard more than 50 per cent of the time. There were times where delays were a couple hours long, particularly at the Rainbow Bridge."

CBSA did not respond to numerous requests for comment.

PBA vice chairman Rocky Vecca said PBA embarked upon an "ambitious" capital improvement plan several years ago to "ensure the long-term viability of the Peace Bridge as a regional and international corridor for robust travel, tourism and trade."

"As part of this effort, and at additional cost to the authority, we planned and scheduled a significant portion of bridge

rehabilitation work to occur during the off-peak travel season — in order to ensure minimal disruption to the travelling public."

A series of traffic-management improvements have been completed by the authority in recent years.

They include the recently completed widening of the Peace Bridge's U.S. approach, which allows an increased number of trucks to be queued off of the bridge.

An eighth commercial inspection booth is also slated for installation by December to increase capacity for trucks within the U.S. plaza.

On the Canadian side, a partial fourth lane has been added to provide Canada-bound trucks and NEXUS users easier access off of the bridge.

The \$100-million rehabilitation project is scheduled to be completed in spring 2019.

During the fall/winter of 2017 and 2018, the cycle of a single lane closure will be repeated.

All three lanes of the Peace Bridge will be open throughout the traditionally busy summer seasons.

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Members of the Bridgeburg Business Improvement Association hosted a trick-or-treating event at businesses along Jarvis Street on Saturday. The event also offered games, crafts, a kids' dance and a Mad Science Show.



Trick-or-treaters were at the Fort Erie Aboriginal Head Start location of the Bridgeburg Business Improvement Association Halloween event Saturday. From left, is Danielle Longboat, Pirate Leland Cudmore, Allison Cudmore, Tionna Cudmore and Louise King.

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## Trick-or-treating in Bridgeburg



Paul Black, with his daughter, Makenna, wife, Tina, and son, Brennan took in some of the activities of the Bridgeburg Business Improvement Association Halloween event.



Batman was one of the popular costumes at the BBIA Halloween event Saturday.



Five-year-old Hailey Dougherty and other youngsters enjoyed trick-or-treating in Bridgeburg Saturday.



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Ardina, Elijah, and their sons Nash Lever and Bryson Lever strolled down Jarvis Street Saturday, taking in the BBIA Halloween event.

## Halloween fun at the Optimist Club



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From left, Audry Nicol, Olivia Nicol, and Madison Daigle are pictured here colouring.



Evan Colgan, Emilee Robertson, and Tanner Robertson, winners of their divisions at the Optimist Club Halloween Costume contest.



The Fort Erie Optimist Club held its annual Halloween event on Sunday at the Optimist Hall. The event included a costume contest, a visit from Annie the Clown and plenty of children's activities. Pictured here is eight-year-old Hailey Fraser.



Family Halloween Costume Contest Winners Mom Susan Taylor and daughter Emilee Robertson are pictured at the Optimist Club's Halloween party.



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## Point of View

### How far should police go in digital age

At some point last Thursday, 7,500 cellphones were set to receive a text message from the Ontario Provincial Police, simply because the owners happened to be near an Ottawa-area intersection nearly a year ago, where Frederick (John) Hatch was last seen.

These text messages raise a question: How far, in the digital age, should police be allowed to go to solve a crime?

Hatch was last seen in a dollar store; then his torched body turned up hundreds of kilometres away. Police are stumped. So they requested cellphone numbers of everyone who was in the Nepean neighbourhood. It's a massive dragnet, gathering up numbers in order to find witnesses.

It's not uncommon for police to request data from cellphone companies, says Teresa Scassa, Canada Research Chair in Information Law at the University of Ottawa.

For instance, Rogers disclosed information, due to court order or a warrant, more than 70,000 times last year. What's odd here is that the police are using the information to contact witnesses, not track down potential criminals (who, by the way, could try to object to police practices in court), and that there are no real safeguards in place to ensure personal privacy. "What's the forum for (people) to raise issues, to raise their privacy concerns?" says Scassa.

Getting this data did require a justice of the peace to sign off. But the OPP won't say where or when that happened. While this instance involved only phone numbers, police have, in the past, requested names and addresses of cellphone customers. And the scale of this particular operation would startle most people.

It isn't particularly difficult to track people down with a cellphone number as a starting

point. Yet the police defend the tactic, saying "If it was your loved one, would you not expect the police to do everything possible to identify the person or persons responsible?"

The answer for many, maybe most, is yes. But ends don't always justify means; this could be the start of a slippery slope. We leave digital data everywhere, through many of our actions. This time, police are dealing with cellphone data, but next time, theoretically, they could request information about purchases or transit card uses.

It's not that the police should never use such tactics. It's that we don't know what the safeguards are and how securely or for how long police are storing the data. As far as we can tell, there will be no one in court arguing for the public's privacy interests in such cases.

Far, far more information and assurances are needed.

-Postmedia Network

## Do you remember?



We understand if you were busy making Halloween costumes and scary decorations, but it is never too late to call about last week's (or any of our Do You Remember features. This week's photo has "Nursery School" written on the back. Do you recognize any of these children or the teacher? If so, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or send us an e-mail at [museum@forterie.ca](mailto:museum@forterie.ca).

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# Comment

## Letter to the Editor

### CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS WEEK IS NOV. 1 TO 7

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in Ontario, Canada and North America. In Ontario, 80% of injuries and deaths from

carbon monoxide occur in the home. CO is called the silent killer because you cannot see it, taste it or smell it. This deadly gas is produced by the incomplete burning of fuels and can be released by fuel-burning furnaces, hot water heaters, cars,

fireplaces, wood stoves and kerosene heaters.

The best way to ensure that you and your family are not exposed to the dangers of CO is to eliminate it at its source. As you prepare for the winter ahead, be sure to have your fuel-burning

appliances inspected by a certified technician. Your second line of defence is the installation of a CO alarm. Without an alarm, you have no way of knowing if there are dangerous levels of CO in your home.

It is the law in Ontario

that all homes with a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage must have a working CO alarm outside all sleeping areas. For added protection, install a CO alarm on every storey of your home.

For more information about CO safety or to find a

certified technician in your area, visit [cosafety.ca](http://cosafety.ca) and [ontario.ca/firemarshal](http://ontario.ca/firemarshal). Protect yourself and your family from deadly carbon monoxide.

ROSS NICHOLS  
CHAIR, FIRE MARSHALS  
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## Help library staff decorate trees with mittens, hats and scarves

On Nov. 12, the mitten trees and book baskets will be set out at all three branches of the Fort Erie Public Library.

For over a decade, the library has collected hats, mittens, scarves—anything to keep small hands and ears warm during winter weather—for children in need as a holiday gift. The items may be handmade or purchased, but should be new and appealing to children.

The library works in partnership with the Adult Literacy Council, Trinity Lutheran Church and many other groups to gather donations of new books for these same boys and girls. Please bring your donations of hats, mittens or books to any branch of the library between Nov. 12 Dec. 12, so that they may decorate our trees and then be wrapped, packed and shared with the children in time for the holidays.

If you would like to try something new for the mitten trees, stop by the Knitting group on Tuesday evenings at the Centennial branch. Dorynne Levere helps to teach, and provides all materials needed for those who would like to knit with friends, or learn to knit. If you would like fresh ideas, there are many books of knitting patterns at all branches of the library. Browse in person or online at [www.fepi.ca](http://www.fepi.ca).

Felting is an old craft that has found new popularity, and local artist Heidi Reinhardt returns to the library to offer an all-



inclusive session on wet felting for ages 12 and up on Wednesday evening, Nov. 9, beginning at 7 p.m.

Parents and grandparents, bring along your teens and tweens to make a bracelet and a decorative soap, both with wet felting techniques. Each project will make a lovely gift. Space is limited, so please register ahead. \$10 per person provides all materials needed; just bring your own bowl and towels.

The Friends of the Library meet monthly, raising funds and helping out for special library projects. To meet the Friends and find out how you can participate, drop in to the meeting at the Centennial branch on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 4 p.m., or email the Friends: [friends@fepi.ca](mailto:friends@fepi.ca).

One of the most important tools for a job seeker is a fresh, well written resume, but sometimes it's hard to know where to start and what to include. On Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m., Chris Sergene from the Job Gym will be at the library to help job seekers of any age create their own resume. This workshop, a partnership of the Library and the Job Gym, is free. Please call either the Job



Youngsters can learn how to make bracelets and soap during a felting workshop offered by the Fort Erie Public Library.

Gym or the library to reserve a space, and bring along a USB key to save your work.

Next week's film is the Legend of Tarzan. In this newest version, it has

been years since the man once known as Tarzan played by Alexander Skarsgård, left the jungles of Africa behind for a gentrified British life as Lord Greystoke, with his

beloved wife at his side.

Now, he has been invited back to the Congo, unaware of a deadly plot. Tarzan will be screened on Tuesday, November 8 at 2:00 p.m. at the Crystal

Ridge branch, and on Thursday evening, Nov. 10 at the Centennial branch, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

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# A story about John Brant

I was the former principal of Ridgeway Public School the last seven years of my teaching career.

I thought of the proposed name for the new school "John Brant."

I claim to be a local historian and between 1999 and 2001, I researched material for my novel: *Tenar at Snake Hill: The Siege of Fort Erie 1814*.

I travelled to the University of Buffalo Library to read the writings of American historian Babcock. It was some of his views on the siege that I incorporated into my novel. I went to the Native Centre in Crescent Park. I met Director Hill and gained more information.

In my preface of the novel I wrote the following: "At the explosion more than 900 British soldiers were killed, wounded or missing. That was more than a third of our siege force. The possibility of an American counter attack was a strong possibility



When History Recalls

in the days that followed. The presence of the loyal Mohawks should not be underestimated."

What did I mean about the Mohawks? On page 140 of my novel I use American Babcock's views of what happened.

Here is a summary of those perilous times. Commander of Fort Erie then was American General Edmund Gaines.

It was reported that he had a severe cold. Meanwhile our loyal Mohawks were waiting outside with their constant war whoops. Gaines had been at the Battle of Beaver Dams where United Indian forces had decisively defeated the Americans. Canadian traitor, Jason



John Brant Public School

Willocks, reported to his superiors General Brown and General Porter that the Americans really had "cold feet!"

Gaines was court-martialed. We believe that

there were close to 3,000 American regulars inside the fort area. If they had emerged we could be crushed by their larger force. We would become a part of the United States! It

didn't happen! John Brant, son of Chief Joseph Brant, leader John Norton and the loyal Mohawks kept the American fears alive. Thank goodness they did. Traitor Willocks was later shot and

killed on a sortie from the fort.

John Brant Elementary School is a good name.

*Earl Plato is a Fort Erie resident, local historian and nature lover.*

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# Essential Collective Theatre to bring performance to Ridgeway

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The Fort Erie Arts Council is offering a new Kiddoodle Kids Art Classes starting on Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The class is designed for Children from six to 12 years. Four weeks will cost \$50 with all material included or \$45 for members. Please e-mail feadclasses@gmail.com for more info and to register.

The amazing Strictly Hip are playing all your favourite tunes created by the iconic Canadian band Irigally Hip on Nov. 4. Doors will open at 8:30 p.m. The show



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starts at 9 p.m. Tickets to this all ages event are available on [www.ticketscene.ca](http://www.ticketscene.ca) or at Brimstone Brewing Company. This super fun show is brought to you by Brokenvau Production.

On Nov. 12, The Essential Collective Theatre is presenting their play 'About The Fighting Days' marking the 100th anniversary of a woman's right to vote. The play is set in Winnipeg in the years between 1910 and 1917 focusing on some of the fierce Canadian women who were part of the fight

to give women a political voice. 'The Fighting Days' follows characters Francis Beynon and Nellie McClung as Canada is getting involved in the First World War. During this time, the conscription crisis divides the suffragists: "should all women have the vote, or just Dominion-born women who are sending their husbands and sons off to battle? Should women use their votes to push for conscription or lobby for a swift end to the war?"

The Essential Collective Theatre is a not-for-profit registered charity located in downtown St. Catharines. The group produces contemporary Canadian theatre with a chief focus on new plays and Niagara based work. ECT prides itself on mentoring local emerging artists, supporting

playwrights, and of course, telling stories that hold up a mirror to the Niagara Region. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. The show will start at 2 p.m. Tickets to this all ages production are available on [www.ticketscene.ca](http://www.ticketscene.ca) for \$10 for students and \$15 for adults. This is a seated event.

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# Stevensville resident ready to raise awareness for men's health

**SARAH FERGUSON**  
Fort Erie Times

For the sixth year in a row, Graham Rignall is set to grow a moustache for November cash.

This year, Rignall will once again join many men across Canada and the U.S. who grow a moustache during the month of November, also known as "Movember" to raise money in support of prostate cancer research and men's health. Since 2011, the Stevensville resident has raised \$7,049.

According to the Movember Foundation, a charity that runs Movember events to raise awareness for men's health issues, the state of men's health is in crisis.

Rignall shaved his face early in the morning on Monday and will not pick up a razor again until Dec. 1.

At the beginning of each week during November, Rignall will take a photograph of his face to record his moustache growth. He will upload the photos to his Movember website so people can view it and make donations to prostate cancer research.

"I love doing it (growing a moustache for Movember). It's a passion I enjoy because it's a cause that I believe in," Rignall said.

The Movember Foundation's website reported that men experience worse longer-term health than women and die on average six years earlier.

It also said prostate cancer rates will double in the next 15 years, testicular cancer rates have already doubled in the last 50 years, three quarters of suicides are men, and poor mental health leads to half a million men taking their own life every year.

"When we talk about men's health, it's not just



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Stevensville resident Graham Rignall is set to participate in this year's Movember event to raise money for prostate cancer research and men's health. He is pictured here with his 18-month old grandson, Christopher.

about prostate cancer anymore. Those numbers (from the Movember Foundation's website) are staggering," Rignall said.

"It's really unbelievable." As a way to thank all of the individuals who help Rignall reach his fundraising goal of more than \$2,000, he is pre-

paring to host a cheese and wine party on Nov. 26 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at his home.

The staff at Scuttlebutts Tap and Eatery and the

Fort Erie Golf Club are also accepting donations on behalf of Rignall.

To support Rignall's Movember fundraising

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# Fighting Days play celebrates women's right to vote

DON FRASER  
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She begins The Fighting Days by pulling no punches about her intentions to transform democracy.

"My name is Nellie McClung, and I am a disturber," says Jenny Wright, playing the Canadian suffragist, who helped spearhead a movement to allow a woman's right to vote.

"Disturbers are never popular," she says, in a play preview held last Wednesday at St. Catharines' FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre.

"But I have decided I am going to keep on being disturber. I don't want to pull through life like a thread that has no knot," she proclaims.

"I want to leave something behind when I go, some small legacy of truth."

Later, a sexist journalist George McNair, played by Darren Keay, bellitts McClung. "It's always interesting to hear a woman speak in public," he sniffs.

"It's sort of like seeing a pony walking on its hind legs — it's clever, but not natural."

The Essential Collective Theatre play by Nova Scotia playwright Wendy Lill spotlights the suffrage movement in Manitoba, with a focus on McClung, and Benyon sisters Lillian and Francis, who are all writers.

The Winnipeg-set play — marking one hundred years since women were granted the right to vote — also folds in the mounting troubles of

its First World War era, the conscription crisis and freedom of expression.

Fighting Days, which runs at the PAC from Thursday to Nov. 4, marks the first regional tour presented by the St. Catharines-based ECT.

After its premier, the plays tour Niagara in venues that include Welland, Vineland, Port Colborne, Pelham, Wainfleet and Ridgeway, and continues until Nov. 12.

It's a script that also has interesting relevance to a presidential election south of the border, with ongoing accusations of misogyny and intolerance being leveled at Republican candidate Donald Trump.

Speaking after the performance snippet, the professional actors remarked on this, and the production's relevance.

"It feels exciting and timely and is exactly what people need to hear right now," said Christina Nicolaou, who is Lillian Benyon in the production. "This reminds us that it wasn't so long ago when women weren't considered equal, and now with the U.S. election and (its rhetoric), you realize, well... this is familiar."

Rennae Spitzer, who plays Lillian's sister Francis, agrees the show is "so relevant in a lot of ways that's unfortunate," she said. "In 1916, we have come so far, but there's still so far to go."

"It's too bad this is something we need to still keep

discussing and needs to be reminded of these audiences."

Wright, a Niagara-on-the-Lake actress, says playing McClung is an honour and close to her heart as she was from the Prairies.

"It feels personal that way," said Wright. Wright is also a member of the Shaw Festival acting ensemble, who has been seen in more than 40 productions including most recently, Sweeney Todd and Our Town.

Darren Keay, who some may recognize in his role as Geoff Evans in the TV series The Girlfriend Experience, says his character as a reporter in Fighting Days showcases a personal journey in the script.

"This play represents very much a traditionalist point of view, which sadly you can still see so much today," said Keay, a Fontville resident. Play and theatre artistic director Monica Dufault said Lill's script was originally produced in Winnipeg in the last 1980s.

"I have always loved this play and wanted to produce it," Dufault said, adding it seemed the right way to mark the century since women in Canada gained voting rights.

"With the election happening in the States it also seemed like a good time to produce this show... and (to also appreciate) that women in Canada were able to vote before Britain and the U.S," she said.

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Jenny L. Wright as Nellie McClung runs through a scene from their upcoming production of The Fighting Days at Robertson Hall in the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre in downtown St. Catharines on last Wednesday.

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# Hunger remains a growing issue across Niagara

SARAH FERGUSON  
Fort Erie Times

Hunger is not only a growing problem in Niagara, but across Ontario as well.

That's why the Ontario Association of Food Banks held its first Hunger Action Month in September. The association also launched a month-long campaign to raise awareness of hunger in the province, and the 360,000 adults and children who visit food banks every month.

To mark the occasion, MPPs in communities from across Ontario gathered at local food banks to sort food.

According to Niagara Falls riding MPP Wayne Gates, hunger is an issue that needs to be kept in the spotlight all year round, and never left on

the back burner, which is why he visited the Salvation Army on Gilmore Road in Fort Erie Friday morning to help volunteers sort food.

"I wanted to (volunteer) to show support for the community and to raise awareness about hunger," Gates said.

"There is a great need not only in the community of Fort Erie, but the entire Niagara Falls riding," he added.

The most recent Hunger Report, released by the Ontario Association of Food Banks last December revealed a 35 per cent spike in the number of senior citizens accessing food banks over the previous year.

It also showed that while food bank use has remained consistent in the last three

years, it is still 14 per cent higher than pre-recession numbers in Ontario.

Gates has volunteered at other food banks, soup kitchens and charities in Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake. He said he's met with many people who are forced to make a choice between paying for rent, increasingly high hydro bills or food for their families.

"The need (in Niagara) is incredible," he said.

The Ontario Association of Food Banks has made three recommendations to the provincial government on how it can address the root causes of hunger. These recommendations are: to follow through on the Basic Income Pilot project as outlined in the 2016 provincial budget;

to strengthen policies that make housing affordable for all Ontario residents; and to improve social assistance rates immediately, while testing better methods for lifting people out of poverty.

Elliott Innes, Community

and Family Services manager at the Salvation Army, said he travelled to Queen's Park to join other advocates and MPPs including Gates to further discuss the hunger issue during National Hunger Awareness Week, which

was held from Sept. 19 to 23.

"The need is growing, and here in Fort Erie we serve 1,000 meals monthly through our food security programs, which include the food bank and our mobile outreach truck," he said.



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MPP Wayne Gates visited the Salvation Army on Garrison Road in Fort Erie on Friday to help volunteers sort food.

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# Art exhibition planned for Nov. 12

SARAH FERGUSON  
Fort Erie Times

This year's Red Ribbon Exhibition will have a musical flare.

Planned for Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Fort Erie Leisureplex from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., the theme for this year's annual art exhibition is Sound of Art.

The event will feature "close to 50 artists from across Niagara as well as students' art from the local high schools," Donna MacLeod, president of the Fort Erie Arts Council, said.

The variety of artwork that will be on display includes three dimensional pieces, sculpture, photography, mixed media, acrylic, oil and water colour paintings.

New this year, guests will be able to bid on one-of-a-kind musical instruments that have been re-designed and decorated by a number of artists.

"Every year, we try to do something different and this year we had 14 instru-

ments that were donated (to the Fort Erie Arts Council) that will be auctioned off," MacLeod said.

"We have trumpets, guitars, a violin, and a ukelele. Artists have painted them and adorned them (with decorations). They are not necessarily for playing, as they've been turned into art. One of the guitars we have has been turned into a tiki lamp."

The Red Ribbon Art Exhibition is the only fundraiser, and the largest art exhibition for the Fort Erie Arts Council. The council, which was formed in 2005, is made up of a group of community-minded artists working to promote art and culture in Fort Erie through workshops, art classes, and children's programming.

"We have come across a lot of families that wish their children could participate in some of our workshops and camps, but they can't afford it so the proceeds from the sale of the instruments will go toward helping those fam-

ilies," MacLeod said.

"The rest of the funds (raised from ticket sales) will go toward our other programs."

The exhibition will offer a chance to meet the artists, a cash bar, silent auction, appetizers, and a potato bar. Musical entertainment includes harpist Carol Farrar and singer David Iannadrea.

"It's a great night out. There's food and entertainment and a lot of art to view," MacLeod said.

"People are welcome to buy a piece of art for themselves and meet the talented people that live in our community. I think people realize the talent that is right here in our community."

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the door, or in advance at Bobo Studio in Ridgeway or by calling 905-894-8373.

For more information about the Red Ribbon Exhibition e-mail [forteriearts-council@gmail.com](mailto:forteriearts-council@gmail.com) or visit [www.forteriearts-council.ca](http://www.forteriearts-council.ca).



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Fort Erie Arts Council president Donna MacLeod holds one of the unique instruments that will be up for grabs at an auction during the Red Ribbon Art Exhibition.



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# D'Angelo new Region CAO

MARYANNE FRITH  
Postmedia Network

A countrywide search for a regional CAO has yielded a new top bureaucrat from Niagara's own backyard.

After a lengthy in-camera discussion, regional council appointed Carmen D'Angelo to the leadership role during a special meeting Monday.

D'Angelo was worked as CAO for Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority since 2014.

His resignation from the agency, effective Nov. 13, was announced shortly after the regional decision was finalized.

News of D'Angelo taking the top post did not come without controversy.

About 10 protesters stood in front of Niagara Region headquarters for a meeting with signs opposing his selection. The group is calling for an audit of the NPCA.

His appointment also came just days after a citizen-driven report about D'Angelo and the operations of the NPCA was circulated to councillors.

The document called for provincial intervention into the NPCA's operations.

Regional Chairman Alan Caslin was confident council made the right decision with his selection of D'Angelo.

The selection process was not only fair, he said, but also "thorough and consistent with what council's expectations were."

"I can assure you the process was followed exactly without any deviation from what council requested us to do."

The CAO recruitment com-

mittee, which consisted of Caslin, Welland Mayor Frank Campion, Lincoln Mayor Sandra Easton, Grimsby Councillor Tony Quirk and Niagara Falls Councillor Bob Gale, was unanimous in its recommendation to council.

Caslin said there were "85-plus" applicants for the position. That list was whittled down to five candidates who were interviewed.

Those candidates were required to make a presentation to the recruitment committee and Caslin was impressed with D'Angelo's approach.

"I was quite comfortable with the presentation he put forward. It was thorough. It was well thought through and innovative," he said.

He credited D'Angelo for his "innovative method of finding solutions" and his collaborative approach to working with a large group.

Having an already established relationship with Niagara's municipalities and being familiar with local issues was merely a "bonus," Caslin said.

D'Angelo has held senior leadership positions in both community and health-care sectors.

He will start at the Region Nov. 14, taking over the top job from Mo Lewis, who had been serving on an interim basis after Harry Schlangue quit in April.

According to public sector salary disclosure files, Schlangue was paid \$233,785 for his job in 2015.

He left his job in Niagara to take over as CAO in Brampton.

D'Angelo's appointment left Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn with some concerns.

He feels D'Angelo has "done an excellent job at the NPCA, fixing up procedures and processes and has worked or has tried to work effectively with stakeholders."

However, Augustyn said landing the top regional job is "quite a leap" from a small organization with a small budget compared to the Region's \$1-billion undertaking.

"I am anticipating there will be some learning curve, growing pains that we'll have to work together with staff on as a council for this to be successful," he said. "I was concerned about that and that's why I voted the way I did."

Augustyn expressed disappointment in the recruitment process, saying he felt information was provided "very little information" throughout.

"Most of the information I got was through rumour, which turned out to be true in terms of the preferred candidate," he said. "Although it says in the terms of reference that the chair is to keep council informed, that didn't occur."

Augustyn also took issue with the timing of the special daytime council meeting, which he had hoped to see moved to a Thursday evening, when council meetings are typically held.

As a result of the timing, there were several councillors unable to attend Monday, he said.

NPCA board chairman and

St. Catharines Coun. Bruce Timms said he is disappointed to lose D'Angelo from the environmental agency but is looking forward to him taking the reins at the Region.

In the interim, Peter Graham, former director of watershed management, has been appointed as the NPCA's acting CAO. The appointment was made by Timms in consultation with NPCA vice-chairman Sandy Annunziata.

In his time with the NPCA, D'Angelo has been "very effective in implementing the strategic plan that the board hired him to implement," Timms said.

"He has a full self confidence. In his role at the NPCA I found him very effective and he has my full confidence that he can meet the challenges of this role."

As a result of D'Angelo's "astute implementation" of that strategic plan, Timms said the conservation authority has "won the confidence of the agricultural community, landowners, stakeholders and a large number of the public in terms of the methods we are using to resolve issues."

Asked about concerns raised by the public about transparency at the organization, Timms said the NPCA has set a provincial example by streaming its meetings and adopting best practices.

Niagara Falls resident Linda Bobb was one of about 10 people who attended Monday's meeting to express concern with council's direction.

"Our biggest concern is we're



Carmen D'Angelo addresses the Niagara Regional Police Services Board business plan steering committee in this file photo.

seeing an increased lack of transparency and complete disregard for the long-term interest of the region," she said.

"We as people, as taxpayers, don't understand how someone who was CAO of the NPCA, which does not seem to be following its mandate, we don't see how the CAO of that (organization) can now be considered suitable as CAO of the whole Region. In general, there's a lack of trust in the process."

Bobb said she's a member of a diverse group of concerned citizens who first came together to address environmental concerns over a proposed Niagara Falls development.

Those efforts then "opened our eyes to the bigger picture," she said, adding "administrative affairs are not being dealt with openly."

St. Catharines Coun. Tim Rigby was pleased with the recruitment process, which he felt followed council's direction. "We had some reasonable people sitting on that (selection) committee," he said. "I think they did their very best to select the one person they felt was the right person to lead us."

Fellow St. Catharines Coun. Brian Heit had concerns with Monday's vote.

He felt, in wake of the report that had been circulated about the NPCA, the decision to appoint a new CAO should have been deferred.

"When I saw the document, it disturbed me enough that I thought everything should be on hold until the air was cleared, and I don't believe it has been."

In early 2017, D'Angelo will meet with council and jointly develop and document his performance objectives for the following 12 months, many of which will be directly related to council's strategic priorities.

Call to D'Angelo for comment were not returned.

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## HOW THEY VOTED

Yes: Annunziata, Batty, Campion, Darte, DiDato, Gale, Grenier, Jeffs, Joyner, Maloney, Maves, Petrowski, Quirk, Rigby, Sendzik, Timms and Volpatti.  
No: Augustyn, D'Angelo, Edgar, Heit, Hodgson, Luciani, MacGregor and Marshall.

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# Meteors drop 8-2 decision in favour of Falcons

**SARAH FERGUSON**  
Fort Erie Meteors

The St. Catharines Falcons took the lead early in the first period with two goals, and sealed their victory with six more in the third period Saturday night at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

The second-place Falcons defeated the Meteors 8-2 and improved their record to 12-2 in the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League Golden Horseshoe Conference. The Meteors' record dropped to 5-11 and the team sits in front of the last-place Buffalo Regals.

"During Saturday's game, we played a nice and tidy structured game for the

first 50 minutes," Meteors head coach Todd Clayton said.

"We lost two defensemen, leaving us with four for the remainder of the game, which led us to being tired and we got a bit sloppy. We also lost two forwards, leaving us with nine."

According to Clayton, the Falcons "capitalized on (the Meteors') mistakes."

The Falcons finished the game 3-for 7 on the power play; Fort Erie, 0-for-4.

Riley McCourt and Mitchell Webb each scored a goal in the first period, giving the Falcons a 2-0 lead heading into the second period.

Danny Katie and Mike Masotti each scored singles

for the Meteors in the third period.

Patrick MacDonald, Dante Copps, Zach Main, Jack Webb each scored singles, and Brandon Skubel scored two goals for the Falcons in the third period.

Fort Erie incurred 58 minutes of penalty time on 17 infractions; St. Catharines, 33 minutes on 13 infractions.

Tyler Hawk record 32 saves on Fort Erie's net; Owen Savory saved 25-27 shots on St. Catharines' net.

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Ancaster will host the Meteors Thursday night. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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**JOSEPH BARDI/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES**

Fort Erie Meteor captain Bryce Martin clears the zone during a game at the Leisureplex against St. Catharines on Saturday.

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November 2, 9, 18, 23, 30, 10:30 am, Crystal Ridge

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November 8, 26, 8 pm, Centennial for ages 16 through adult

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##### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

November 8, 4 pm, Centennial. The Friends meet monthly, making funds for special library projects. Drop in to the meeting, or email the Friends friends@fepl.ca

##### JOB GYM RESUME WORKSHOP

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##### WET FELTING WITH HAZEL REINHART

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##### EARL PLATO AUTHOR VISIT

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##### SMOKING CESSATION INFORMATION

November 21, 7 pm, Centennial. Mesleau Seguin of Public Health will offer information and answer any questions people may have who want to stop smoking.

##### HOLIDAY DECORATING WITH SORELYS FLORAL

November 23, 7 pm, Crystal Ridge. David of Sorelys Floral demonstrates decorating ideas for the holidays. The program is free, and there will be a draw at the end of the evening for some of the creations.

##### THE RIGHT WAY TO SHAVE

November 30, 7 pm, Centennial. Mike Goggin of Braggsbury Gentlemen's Shave in FB Salon, will demonstrate proper shaving techniques at the end of "Movember".

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## Cheers to 90 years



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# Briefs

## Service to honour former unknown soldier

A dedication ceremony for a new head stone for the grave of a formerly unknown soldier from the time of the Fenian Raids in 1866, will be held in the cemetery across from St. John's Stevensville United Church in Snyder on Sunday, Nov. 6.

The soldier has now been identified as Corporal Carrington of the 47th Lancashire Regiment of Foot from England who died opposite the church while on a march from Chippewa to Ridgeway via Sodom Road. A veteran's stone has been supplied and installed, compliments of Kirkpatrick Monuments of Fort Erie to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the passing of Corporal Carrington.

The remembrance service will start at 11 a.m. in the

church and at noon continue to the cemetery grave site for the dedication ceremony.

### Holiday gala

Shoppers Drug Mart in Fort Erie is set to host a Holiday Beauty Gala on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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### Remembrance Day services

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 will host a service on Nov. 6 at Mather Arch. Members will march from the branch on Garrison Road and arrive at the Mather Arch for the service at 2 p.m.

A second service hosted by Branch 71 will be held on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the hall.

Branch 230 will host two services: the first will be held on Nov. 6 at the Stevensville Hall at 2 p.m. and Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

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SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

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# Province supports Gates' MRI motion

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Liberals, Progressive Conservatives and New Democrats unanimously supported Niagara Falls NDP MPP Wayne Gates' motion to address lengthy wait times for MRI services in Niagara.

"We took an important step towards ensuring Niagara residents have timely access to quality health care," said Gates.

The motion calls on the Ontario government to immediately take the necessary steps to work with and enable the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network to address current wait times for MRI in Niagara, which Gates said far exceeds the provincial average.

In September, Gates said the province has mandated a 28-day limit in waits, but that the average in Niagara was more than 100 days.

The motion was spurred by Niagara residents who brought the issue of high MRI (Medical Resonance Imaging) wait times to the attention of Gates' Niagara Falls constituency office.

"No resident in Ontario should be forced to wait 100, 200 days to receive an MRI — an important medical procedure," said Gates.

"It's time the provincial government made quality health care a priority. We, as Canadians, pride ourselves in our health-care system, but the cur-

rent state in Niagara is nothing to be proud of. We must do better for the people of Niagara, and reducing MRI wait times is a good place to start."

Gates previously met with representatives from Niagara Health to discuss strategies for reducing wait times for Niagara residents seeking MRI services.

"We appreciate our partnership and everything MPP Gates does to support healthcare in Niagara and his constituents," said Niagara Health president Suzanne Johnston.

Opposition MPPs congratulated Gates for his efforts in advocating for improved health-care services in his home region.

"Before we become critics or before we become ministers or parliamentary assistants, our first allegiance is to the people who send us down here in the first place," said Liberal Labour

minister Kevin Flynn.

"We're supposed to represent those constituencies, and when we see something in our constituencies we'd like to see work better, it's our job to bring forward that information, working through the ministries, working through private members' time and advocating in any way you can to get what you need done for your community. I think that's exactly what the member is doing in this regard."

Prince Edward-Hastings PC MPP Todd Smith said Gates "always does a great job standing up" for his constituents.

"Obviously, there is a lack of connection in our health-care system, and I think that's part of the concern brought forward by (Gates)," said Smith.

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# Marauders too much for Blue Devils

Special to the Fort Erie Times

The Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High Blue Devils knew they had a huge test on Friday taking on the undefeated, and two time OFSSA bowl champion A.N. Myer Marauders on their home field.

The Marauders had not suffered a loss in two years and were not going to be denied on this day. The Blue Devils fought to the bitter end, but the experience and athleticism proved to be too much for the visitors, who suffered a 49-0 loss.

The Marauders scored a touchdown on their first drive of the game and never looked back. The Blue Devils struggled on both sides of the ball and went into halftime with a 42-0 deficit.

RCBHS head coach commented on the first half effort. "We knew this would be a difficult test today for the team, and the Marauders proved to be as good as we thought. They have tremendous talent and we are a relatively young team still.

Our starters never gave up and I am proud of them for that effort. It is tough to play against a team that plays mistake free football and is that skilled."

Both teams took the opportunity to play their entire rosters in the second half, which led to a back and forth struggle to move the ball. The Marauders added a second half touchdown to finish the scoring at 49-0. The Blue Devils managed to move the ball more effectively in the 2nd half, but could not finish their offensive drives.

After the loss, coach Sauer reflected on the game, "I thought this was a great opportunity for our team to see where we want to take our program to in the next few years, and what it takes to perform at the highest level. There is great excitement in the community about the team and the direction of the program. The junior team has been great the past two years and the seniors are competing and winning in



a higher league than last year. I am thrilled that we have an opportunity in the next few weeks to play for a championship, and com-

pete against the biggest schools in the DSBN."

The Blue Devils end their regular season with a home rematch against the Cen-

tennial Cougars on Friday, with homefield for the playoffs on the line. The junior Gryphons will host the Westlane Spartans Friday,

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE Regional Road 124 (Central Avenue) From Wintemute Street to Courtwright Street In the Town of Fort Erie

#### Purpose of Road Closure:

Starting November 14, 2016 until November 18, 2016, a full closure of Regional Road 124 (Central Avenue) will occur between Wintemute Street and Courtwright Street. During this period, the contractor, Rankin Construction Inc. will be finalizing surface works on the bridge and installing the heritage features.

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Vehicular traffic will be detoured via Regional Road 19 (Gilmore Road), Regional Road 122 (Thompson Road) and Regional Road 21 (Phipps Street). Trucks over 3.7m clearance requiring access to streets north of the Central Avenue will be detoured using the QEW and Regional Road 25 (Netherby Road).

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For information on how to obtain a permit or for general inquiries regarding how this detour affects your travel routes, please contact Pamela Bunin, Manager, Property & Realty at 905-295-4396, ext. 3257.

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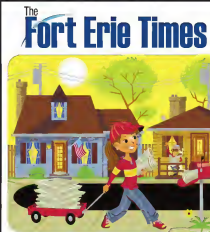
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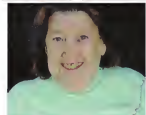
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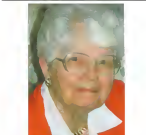
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DUTKEWICH, Lana Gloria

(nee Millar)

Lana, known to all as Scottie, passed away on October 25, 2016 in Fort Erie at 90 years of age. Predeceased by her beloved husband Michael. Fun-loving mother of James (Laurie) of BC, Alan (Eleanor) of Bradford and Cecilia (Chris) Rokosh of Fort Erie. Proud grandmother of Brian & David, Christine, Lynn, Katherine & Rebecca, Mark & Darryl Biggins and great-grandmother of 10. She will be sadly missed by many relatives and friends. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Berner Avenue, Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. A memorial service to honour Scottie's life will be held on Saturday, November 6th. Guests are invited to visit from 1pm until the time of the service at 2pm. For those who wish, donations in Scottie's name may be made to the CNIB.



**HEILIG, Irene (Böhmer)** - Passed away peacefully at Maple Park Nursing Home October 23, 2016 in her 98th year. Predeceased by her husband Walter (1970), daughter Gisela (Winston) Sims (2007/2012), sister Erna Hitz and brother Karl Böhmer both of Germany. Survived by daughter Ursula (John) Deans and son Michael (Dawn) Heilig. Fondly remembered by grandchildren Peggy (Chris) Boles, Julie (Chris) Turpin, Melissa (Justin) Turtureanu, Gabrielle Deans, Sacha Heilig and Michael (Samantha) Heilig. Also survived by 3 great grandchildren and several relatives in Germany. Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held on Monday, November 7, 2016, 11:00 a.m. at the Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. Special thanks to the staff at Maple Park Nursing Home, Dr. Scher and Rev. Martha Lockwood. As an expression of sympathy donations can be made to a charity of ones choice. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120.



**MCHENRY, Robert Thomas** - It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of a cherished husband, father, brother and grandfather after a long and brave battle with cancer on October 30, 2016. Bob, in his 65th year, of Fort Erie, Ontario will be deeply missed by his loving wife and best friend Helen (Cole). He leaves behind his cherished children, Stephanie (Stan), Robert (Amy) and step-sons Steven Cole (Tammy) and Jamie Cole (Amber). Coolest "Gramps" to Robbie, Emma, Ryan and Cole. Papa to Alicia, Gillian, Jordan and Bradley. Also, his constant companion and sidekick Kimo who was always by his side. Loving brother of John, Jean, Kevin, Maureen, Marilyn and Mary-Patricia. Predeceased by his parents Robert and Doris-Jean McHenry, sisters Doris, Catherine and Michelle. He will also be missed by his aunts, cousins, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Bob was part of the OCM team for over 30 years, a long time member and commodore of QNBC and an avid hunter. A special thank you to nurses Pat Elbert and Alex Korten for their excellent home service. Dr. Kim Scher for years of extraordinary care and warm gratitude to the staff at Douglas Memorial Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in Bob's honour to Douglas Memorial Hospital would be greatly appreciated.

**GIRDLESTONE, Marie** Ellen Kathleen (nee Donnelly) - On Sunday, October 30, 2016 Marie passed away peacefully at Gilmore Lodge at the age of 91. Predeceased by her first husband Aubrey Burnett, and second husband Frank Girdlestone, O.C. Loving mother of James (Martha) Burnett, Stephen (Charlene) Burnett, and Christopher (Penny) Burnett, step children Judy (Rick) Medley and John (Nancy) Girdlestone. Cherished Nana of Dan, Justin, Katie (Matt), Chelsea, Tim, Sean and Alexander and step grandchildren Adam, Jeff and Stuart. Lovingly remembered by great grandchildren Aubrey Ann and Eilana. Marie is predeceased by her parents James and Jean Donnelly and brothers Frank and James. She is sadly missed by her many nieces and nephews. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES**, 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. The family received visitors on Tuesday, November 1st between 5 and 8 pm. A funeral mass was held at St. George's Catholic Church, Crystal Beach on Wednesday, November 2nd at 11 am followed by burial at Ridgeway Memorial cemetery. For those who wish, memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Fort Erie SPCA would be appreciated by the family.

## Cards of Thanks

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The Fleet family would like to acknowledge the staff of the Maple Park Lodge Cardinal Unit, Dr. Kim Sher & Niagara Funeral Alternatives for their care, consideration and kindness regarding the death of Jack. Thank you.



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